# SURFACE CAR LINES

Transit Inquiry Indicates Futility of Cry to Scrap 'Useless' Systems.

RECEIPTS INCREASING

Board Clings to Its Plan of ons. Seven Man Control, Demite Experts.

Traction Road Owners to Have A Hearing on Valuations of Their Properties.

The Transit Commission will resume contraband arms.

at 49 Lafayette street. Although that procedure is as yet far from being finished, it has progressed sufficiently to warrant certain conclusions. For instance, without attempting to interpret the minds of the commissioners, all who have followed clearly the desire the desired of the commissioners. fts investigation to-morrow morning all who have followed closely the deelopments of the examination to date LEAGUE OF NATIONS HAS are convinced of the utter futility of Mayor Hylan's cry, "Scrap the useless

All available evidence taken by the ission indicates that the receipts of the surface lines are picking up plendidly and that they perform a highly essential function in the city's transit scheme, for which no bus lines

could be made a practicable substitute. The testimony of Mr. Huff, president of the Third Avenue system of surface cars, showed that the operating recelpts of the Third Avenue line for Sepember and October of the present year were on a scale sufficiently large not only to pay all costs of operation but meet the company's fixed charges, including interest on its income notes, and to provide in addition comfortable operating surplus.

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It was predicted that the Lexington avenue subway would seal the death warrant of the Third Avenue line. But, on the contrary, although the one directly parallels the other, since the opening of the Lexington avenue subsay traffic on the Third avenue surface cars has been heavier than ever, with this important difference: Instead of filling its cars with the unprofitable long haul passengers, as formerly, the bulk of the present revenue of the surface system is from the far more profitable short haul passengers. The long distance riders patronize the subway.

Second Avenue Line Improves.

To a very considerable degree the same may be said of the Second avenue surface line, which for ten years was in the hands of a receiver, but which now, as evidenced by its September and October figures, is earning its operating expenses, even at the nickel fare, though it is not yet meeting the interest on its fixed corporate charges. It is expected that when the Brooklyn City Rafiroad is reached in the transit examination, which probably will be early this week, it too will make a creditable showing upon its recent operating receipts. It was held under a leasehold by the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company, but reverted to its owners when the B. R. T. went into receivership and defaulted in payment of the rental.

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Despite vigerous criticism of the projected seven man board of control feature, by such experts as Frank Hedjey, Job E. Hedges, Timothy S. Williams and Lindley M. Garrison, the commission remains unshaken in the conviction that the plan, as the Commissioners have drafted it, could not be made the instrument of partisan politics.

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Champions of the commission's plan scout the idea that the proposed board of control could be made a vehicle of party patronage and politics for several reasons.

In the first piace, that board would have nothing whatever to do with the operation of the various systems, the employment or discharge of men or the fixing of their working conditions. All these duties fall within the sphere of the three operating chiefs of the three proposed companies.

They are to be selected by the owners of the actual properties, who name their own three representatives in the board of control. Whatever tendency toward wastefulness extravagance or partisan prejudice there might be on the part of the three representatives of the municipality named to the board of control by the Mayor, they contend, would be held in check by the operative three sitting with them. The latter, as the direct representatives of the owners of the roads, would have every natural incentive to show the acme of efficiency and economy in management and operation.

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The public also walld be a wholesome check, it is believed, upon any gross abuses and would be quick to resent improprietles which would react directly upon their own pockets and their own comfort as patrons of the lines. One of the features of the plan provides for the extreme of publicity at all times through a succession of frequent public reports.

It was learned from an authoritative source that the expenses incident to the B. R. T. receivership are running considerably under 1 per cent. of the amount of money handled, which is the legal rate of charge. In court circles that was regarded as creditable and conservative. The percentage named includes fees and expenses of Mr. Garrison, the exceiver, and his counsel, which amount to about \$100,000 a year. Mr. Garrison, while in the witness chair last Thursday, agreed to furnish to the commission and its counsel, Clarence J. Shearn, complete schedules of these expenses.

After finishing with the B. R. T., Mr. Shearn expects to examine the Brooklyn City Company, the Manhattan Elevated and certain Manhattan surface lines which are not included in either the New York Railways or the Third Avenue system. This may or may not require all this week's ressions. Next upon his programme will be the representatives of some twenty groups of security holders and protective committees, who are the sponsors for the real owners of the yeads.

FORECLOSURE SALES.

**260 OBSTRUCTIONISTS** 

Calcutta Police Raid the Cali-

phate Office. -The picketing campaign of the noncoperationists, in furtherance of the

coperationists, in furtherance of the boycott planned in connection with the visit of the Prince of Wales, who is due to arrive here on Christmas Eve, is now in full swing throughout Calcutta. More than 100 pickets were arrested yesterday, and 160 more were arrested to-day, charged with being connected with unlawful associations and with obstruction. The police have raided the caliphate office, seized all documents and arrested its officials. They also raided a house in which they said they found 200 sword sticks and other weapons. Troops were posted to-day in

AMERICAN SCHOONER ARMED, MEXICANS SAY

B. R. T. CHARGES RUN LOW Contraband Fishing Alleged in Case of the Mabel.

> MEXICO CITY, Dec. 10 (Associated Press).—The American fishing schooner Mabel, held by the Mexican authorities at Ensensda, was declared in a Foreign Office statement issued last night to have been carrying on contraband fishing, with arms on board. The statement said other boats flying the American flag were engaged in similar praccan flag were engaged in similar prac-tices, and it was suspected they carried

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Daily Calendar

For Eastern New York-Fair to-day

THE WEATHER

EVENTS TO-DAY.

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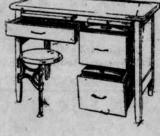
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